



CITY COUNCIL TRANSCRIPT

June 13, 2016, 6:30PM

Regular Meeting

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

29592 ELLENSBURG AVE

GOLD BEACH OR 97444

Call to order: Time: 6:30PM

1. *The pledge of allegiance*

2. *Roll Call:*

	Present	Absent
Mayor Karl Popoff	X	
Council Position #1 Melinda McVey	X	
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X	
Council Position #3 Becky Campbell	X	
STARTING VOTE		
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X	
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X	
City Administrator Jodi Fritts	X	

3. *Special Orders of Business:*

None scheduled

4. *Consent Calendar:*

None Scheduled

5. *Citizens Comments*

As presented to the Mayor at the beginning of the meeting

Popoff: Okay. We're going to go ahead straight to citizens comments, and I've a couple here. I'll take them in the order as they came. Clarence, you were ...
Yes, ma'am.

Saloma: Yes, sir. I did not realize that we were already on the agenda, and Summer is going to speak for Gold Beach Beautification Project.

Popoff: Right.

Saloma: Okay. Let's go.

Popoff: Go ahead.

Summer: Hello. How's it going? You can start.

Saloma: Okay. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints annually chooses a coastal town to do labor for. There are about 300 members of that church that will be coming here on July 23rd to help us with what [crosstalk 00:01:26] several citizens to get the idea to form a Gold Beach Beautification Project with this idea of forming a 501-C3 and, of course, working with all of the entities; city, state, that own the strips of land that we would like to improve. My thoughts are plantings that once they are established don't need water, don't need maintenance, fertilizing, trimming. It not only would be more beautiful, but would eliminate work. That's one of our goals.

Summer: You'll see on the cover letter that we submitted for our grant funding, which I cannot say at this time that we have received. There is a number of local partners that we are working with, so we're super stoked about that because it seems that different groups are all kind of working on their own to accomplish small tasks, and with the list of eight projects that we have on tap for July 23rd, we're all coming together, working together, and taking each other's input and interests and putting that into play in each one of our projects.

The first project is the north end of the bridge on the east and west side. It is our biggest and most expensive project. I don't know that that will necessarily be done completely on July 23rd, but when it is done, it will be done right. Like [inaudible 00:03:01] said, we're using [inaudible 00:03:03] and indigenous plants and getting a lot of input from people that have the knowledge that some of us don't. The second project that we have has been expanded since the photo that you see, and that's the north entrance to the port. It is kind of just bleak there, especially with the ODOT fence. We removed project eight off of there and have replaced that with cleaning up behind that ODOT fence. After that, we have ... Let's see. The order that you have is the Riley Creek ball field. We're going to replace the roof and also paint some bleachers. We'll put in a little bit of fencing around the creek to keep some of the younger kids safe.

We're also going to use some of the Brookings Airport fencing that is left over from their replacement of that and re-fence the master gardener's garden at Riley Creek. We're working really to repurpose materials and identify true needs in the community. One of the biggest things that we identified first off was that there is a perception that someone else should be doing this. Maybe a parks department or somebody from the City. We recognized quickly that this takes the entire community and not just one person or a department.

Saloma: Like you say, if it could be done, they would already be doing it. Whoever

"they" is.

Summer: Exactly, so we're excited to step up and take some responsibility for these projects. The next project on the list is the high school. We're going to put in some shrubs and pretty stuff, and what's not on there is that we decided today that we want to paint the walls on the front there. LDS will bring over 300 helpers to make that happen. Then Wally's House is in need of some landscaping and ADA compliance, which is super important for a bunch of us, so we are going to make that happen.

Then the last project is the visitor's center. That idea has been expanded on since the packet that you see as well. It's been a really fun process because we get super excited about this is what we want to do, and then reality sets in and therein lies the hard work and planning. We're all trying to keep up and we'd very much appreciate your input, your ideas, and your support. We have a gofundme account going. We've raised \$1,100 so far. Our goal is \$20,000. We just are on task to get this done, especially with Cycle Oregon coming through in mid-September, and that's a priority. We want to provide a nice atmosphere for people to look and say, "You know, I want to come back and hang out with my family." That's what we're doing.

Popoff: Thank you very much.

Kaufman: That's incredibly wonderful.

Summer: We're kind of stoked. Everybody is really excited.

Popoff: No, that's great. Yeah, that is something we can definitely ... Pardon me, ma'am.

Fritts: Who thought this up?

Popoff: The LDS did. I got a letter which kind of outlined what they wanted to do. Then I turned that letter over to our city administrator, and then she facilitated the connection between the city and your organization.

Fritts: Pretty much, I just passed that buck. That's what I did.

Popoff: Did you pass the buck?

Fritts: Yeah, I passed that buck.

Popoff: Well, okay. Well, in that case I'm not going to give you any credit.

Fritts: Yeah, I get no credit. I've been attending the meeting, but I get no credit. It's for the whole state, which is Brookings to Florence, I believe. Each year they pick a community and this year, it's our year.

Popoff: This year was us.

Fritts: Yeah. That was just kind of the beginning and that got the ball rolling, and then some very excited citizens ... Thank you.

Popoff: Yeah, so that is something marvelous, and it is something that we truly appreciate and look forward to seeing. Yeah, it's the first time we've ever had anything quite that ambitious, I think.

Fritts: That large of a group at one time, yes, other than when we did Kid Castle. As far as a swarm of people coming on one day to do a whole bunch of stuff, I don't know that we've ever had that.

Popoff: No. Actually you'll be making Gold Beach history.

Saloma: Thank you.

Popoff: Thank you. Council, do you have any questions you'd like to ask of the ladies at all?

Fritts: When is your next meeting?

Summer: It's this Thursday at 5:30 at the Riley Creek Cafeteria.

Popoff: Oh, okay.

Summer: Then there's the community meeting.

Popoff: All right. Anything further? Thank you very much. Thank you. All right. And we've got an old friend that is coming back that wants to say something. Mr. Lacey.

Lacey: Thank you. Dave Lacey, Hunter Creek. I just wanted to thank you for taking action in allowing Jodi to write that wonderful letter that she submitted on time for the nickel mine in the south [inaudible 00:08:31].

It was an awesome letter, Jodi, I have to say. I've gotten a lot of good

feedback from it. Also, thank you for doing the resolution that you guys are going to approve tonight. I really think it sends a powerful message that we want to protect our community. Also, a lot of people have talked to me about and wanted me to express their thanks who couldn't be here, so thank you from all of the other people who told me thanks.

Popoff: You are quite welcome. Pleasure to do it.

Lacey: Then, just to give a quick update, more than 20,000 comments were submitted during this comment period and only five were against the bill. [inaudible 00:09:03] We're still moving along the same sort of trajectory as we were before. I just want to say thank you. That's it.

6. Public Hearing

a. *CTR rate adjustment request*

Popoff: Okay. We've got a public hearing that we have to go into at this time, so we're going to go into public hearing at 6:38. Basically, what this is doing is this is concerning the CTR rate adjustment request. They are going to be raising, I think, about six cents for residential, and ... What was it? Eight cents or something like that, if I'm not mistaken, for commercial.

Fritts: We have a gentleman from CTR here.

Popoff: Oh, we do? There you are. All right. Come on up, sir. You can explain that to me, and then we'll have anybody in the audience that wants to make a comment will be free to do so.

Luke: My name is Luke Pyke with CTR.

McVey: Can you speak up?

Luke: Luke Pyke with CTR. I am a site manager there. I know you're used to see Pete [inaudible 00:10:17] here probably for the last four years. He is retired.

Popoff: Oh, Pete's gone then?

Luke: Yeah, he's retired. He actually retired last month, and we're actually doing his retirement party on Thursday, so ...

Popoff: Well, good. Good for him.

Luke: Yeah, 40 plus years in the waste industry.

Popoff: Yeah, that's a long time.

Luke: Yeah, so this increase ... I think it's been kind of laid out for you in the plans. DEQ, in order to support their waste management programs across the state, implemented a per ton increase. Each county is a little bit different. Each landfill was a little bit different. In the packet there's a letter. Dry Creek, which is where all of this waste from Gold Beach goes to, put on a 58 cents per ton increase. The pass-through of that is a 0.16% increase to our customers. It's just a pass-through. The other part of this is the CPI. You know as prices continue to rise, it is a 0.1% increase for CPI, and we're asking for the 0.1%. That's how we get to the 0.26% increase total which is, like you said, six cents for residential customer, a 32-gallon cart. That is our most popular cart. It would be six cents a month increase to our customer, and then for a commercial it's right at about eight cents.

Popoff: All right. Thank you, sir. Are there any questions? All right. Thank you very much, sir. I appreciate you coming. Any public comment? Anybody that would like to say anything at all concerning this topic? In that case, we will get out of public hearing at 6:40 pm.

7. Citizen Requested Agenda Items

- a. *Request to address the Council-Summer Matteson, RE: Beautification Project & LDS Make A Difference Day, July 23rd*

Discussed in Item 6 above.

8. Public Contracts and Purchasing

None Scheduled

9. Ordinances & Resolutions

- a. *Second Reading of Ordinance 657 amending Administration Code and Ordinance 658 amending Business Code*

Popoff: All right. Now we've got some ordinances and resolutions. Basically, all we're doing here is primarily if everybody agrees with them, to make motions to adopt these ordinances and resolutions. The first one we have, of course, is Second Reading of Ordinance 657 amending of the Administration Code and Ordinance 658 amending the Business Code. Council?

Fritts: I neglected to include a copy because I had given them to you last month, so I apologize for that, but just to refresh everyone's memory, this is the second reading. Ordinance 657 is amending the administration code, and that includes the residency, some clean-ups on the city government section, a

few changes in the elections. Just more language on clean-up in the judge section where it says, "Once we've appointed him, he serves at your pleasure."

Then for Ordinance number 658, that's the Business Code. I changed a couple of the definitions in the business license code, and then the room tax code includes the 1% that increased the room tax for the Events Center on the Beach/fairground building maintenance fund. This would just be the second reading, and I would request a motion to just do it by title only and then I'll read it into the record.

MOTION: Councilor Tamie Kaufman made the motion to approve Ordinance 657 and Ordinance 642 which adopted a revised Gold Beach Administrative Code. Councilor Melinda McVey seconded the motion.

Record of Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Council Position #1 Melinda McVey	X		
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X		
Council Position #3 Becky Campbell	X		
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X		
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X		
MOTION CARRIES 5 AYES	5	0	

Fritts: Okay. So this is the second reading of Ordinance 657. Ordinance number 657 and Ordinance amending Ordinance 642 which adopted a revised Gold Beach Business Administration Code. Second reading, so that is the second and final reading of that.

Popoff: All right. Thank you, ma'am. Now we have Resolution R1516-11, FY ...

Fritts: We need 658 now.

Popoff: Oh, yes, we do. I forgot about that. We have to take them one at a time.

Fritts: Yep.

Popoff: All right.

Fritts: Second reading by title only ...

Popoff: For 658. Is there a motion? We already had that motion ... Yeah, go ahead Councilor.

MOTION: Councilor Larry Brennan made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 658 by title only. Councilor Becky Campbell seconded the motion.

Record of Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Council Position #1 Melinda McVey	X		
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X		
Council Position #3 Becky Campbell	X		
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X		
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X		
MOTION CARRIES 5 AYES	5	0	

Fritts: Okay, so this is the second reading of Ordinance 658, an ordinance amending Ordinance amending 643 which adopted a revised Gold Beach Business Code. Second reading. Thank you.

Kaufman: Sir, I'd like to make a comment.

Popoff: Pardon me, ma'am.

Kaufman: May I make a comment?

Popoff: Yes, you may.

Kaufman: I'm just really surprised that nobody had any comments about that.

Fritts: Good, bad, or otherwise. Nothing.

Kaufman: Yeah, nothing. I haven't heard a word. Has anybody else?

Fritts: I've had people stop me in the grocery store and say that they are thrilled that we're helping the fairgrounds, but nobody has said anything about the amendment.

Kaufman: I'm just surprised.

b. Resolution R1516-11, FY1617 Reserve Funds

Popoff: All right. Resolution R1516-11, FY 1617 Reserve Funds, and, of course, we have a whole slew of reserve funds. At any rate, I think everybody has had an opportunity to look at those, and are there any questions that anyone would like to raise at this moment?

McVey: Just one.

Popoff: Yes, ma'am.

McVey: You got that correction?

Fritts: Yes. Councilor Kaufman pointed out that on the Budget Ordinance, which I believe is number 13, I had copied the visitor's center reserve fund because that was a new one last year. I changed it on the top but didn't change it on the bottom, so I've made that correction for the one that will be signed. That was on page four of seven of number 15, 16, 13.

Popoff: Any further questions?

Kaufman: I'll make a motion.

Popoff: Yes, ma'am.

MOTION: Councilor Tamie Kaufman made the motion to approve Resolution R1516-11, a resolution setting the purpose and review times for municipal reserve funds and repealing the Resolution R1415-19 and any other resolutions that may be in conflict. Councilor Melinda McVey seconded the motion.

Record of Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Council Position #1 Melinda McVey	X		
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X		
Council Position #3 Becky Campbell	X		
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X		
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X		
MOTION CARRIES 5 AYES	5	0	

c. Resolution R1516-12, State Revenue Sharing

Popoff: All right, now we have Resolution R1516-12, this is State Revenue Sharing. I think most of us understand now when it generally goes to the fleet, it is ... Is there any discussion concerning that right now? Does any council have any questions or anything? Yes, ma'am.

Kaufman: No, I was just going to make a motion.

Popoff: Please do.

MOTION: Councilor Tamie Kaufman made the motion to adopt Resolution R1516-12, a resolution declaring the City's elections to receive state revenues. Councilor Larry Brennan seconded the motion.

Record of Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Council Position #1 Melinda McVey	X		
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X		
Council Position #3 Becky Campbell	X		
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X		
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X		
MOTION CARRIES 5 AYES	5	0	

d. Resolution R1516-13, adopting FY1617 budget

Popoff: Resolution R1516-13, adopting the FY fiscal year 16-17 budget. Yes, ma'am.

MOTION: Councilor Tamie Kaufman made the motion to approve Resolution R1516-13. Councilor Becky Campbell seconded the motion.

Record of Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Council Position #1 Melinda McVey	X		
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X		
Council Position #3 Becky Campbell	X		
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X		
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X		
MOTION CARRIES 5 AYES	5	0	

e. Resolution R1516-15, supporting the SW Oregon Mineral Withdrawal legislation

Popoff: All right. Resolution R1516-15 supporting the Southwestern Oregon Mineral Withdrawal legislation. This is where we come. Is there anybody that needs to say anything at all about that? Can I have a motion, please?

MOTION: Councilor Becky Campbell made the motion to adopt Resolution R1516-15, a resolution in support of the Southwest Oregon Watershed and Salmon Protection Act of 2015 – mineral mining withdrawal from certain federal lands in Curry and Josephine County. Councilor Tamie Kaufman seconded the motion.

Record of Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Council Position #1 Melinda McVey	X		
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X		
Council Position #3 Becky Campbell	X		
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X		
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X		
MOTION CARRIES 5 AYES	5	0	

f. Resolution R1516-17, CTR annual rate adjustment

Popoff: Resolution R1516-17, the CTR annual rate adjustment, of course, which we've just heard. Is there any further discussion on that? Council, do you have any questions? Can we call for a motion then, please? Councilor Campbell?

MOTION: Councilor Becky Campbell made the motion to approve Resolution R1516-17, a resolution approving Curry Transfer and Recycling (CTR) rate adjustment and repealing Resolution R1415-17 and any other resolutions that may be in conflict. Councilor Larry Brennan seconded the motion.

Record of Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Council Position #1 Melinda McVey	X		
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X		
Council Position #3 Becky Campbell	X		
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X		
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X		
MOTION CARRIES 5 AYES	5	0	

10. Miscellaneous Items (including policy discussions and determinations)

a. Water Rate Study discussion and decision for FY1617

Popoff: All right. Thank you, Council. We got through the ordinances and resolutions. We've got now the water rate study discussion and decision for this coming fiscal year.

Fritts: I did some rate things, and let's just say that the staff proposal that was made, just disregard that because clearly we hired a professional for a reason. The reason why I say that is that the one that I included in your packet, which I have color copies of it for everything, this weekend I got to thinking about it. I thought that was based on the average that she said that's going through everybody, the residential and the commercial, that the residential average user is about 5,000. There are some that are quite a bit less and some that are more, but about 5,000. The commercial was around 20. However, I got to thinking about it this weekend and I thought about high-end users. What impact would it have on them? The rate that I had proposed on that last column, it would have a huge impact. I made copies of that for everybody to look at. I think we should disregard my proposal and go with one of the other ones.

What I've done is on one side are the inside and the outside residential and on the other side are inside and outside commercial. These are based on

high users. What I did was look at what a current bill for that high user would be right now and then based on the scenarios that are proposed. I would say disregard mine, and look at Councilor Kaufman's and then the one that was done in the water rates study.

Brennan: Question?

Popoff: Yes, sir.

Brennan: What's the percentage of high users to the overall total?

Fritts: Not a lot, but this is a color copy of the original one. However, one of the concerns that Councilor Kaufman had was how it would affect apartments and mobile home parks. The high user for the inside is a mobile home park. It would have a significant impact on them. We have to bear in mind that apartments and mobile home parks are traditionally work force housing, so I don't think that ... That was a concern that Councilor Kaufman had in the beginning, is that we don't want to grossly adversely affect multiple unit housing because traditionally those are the people that are on the lower end of the income scale.

Brennan: Less able to afford it?

Fritts: Yes. Now, keep in mind that the folks, and Will and I discussed this earlier, a good portion of our folks that live in town are retirees on social security. They would be below that 5,000, so there wouldn't be a huge impact on them for a change in the rate structure, and that's what I think we were aiming for. Yes, we're going to bring our rates more in line with where they need to be, but not where it's going to penalize the largest portion of our citizens. Those are some figures that I put together for you, like I said, is the one that was in your packet, the high-end users. When I ran the top ten highest users for inside residential, it averaged out to about 70,000 gallons.

What I did was I took ... August is traditionally our highest user month because people are watering lawns or have gardens, so if we were to increase their bill based on all of those scenarios, what would it be? For the inside residential persons who use 70,000 gallons, which is a lot, this is not everybody, right now they would pay about \$77 in water. That's what they're paying right now. Then you can go across and see what the scenarios are. The last one you see, which was mine, clearly we do not want to raise rates that much. Like I said, disregard staff's proposal. That gives you an idea of ... Keep in mind, too, that when we asked for the rate study, our current rates reward people for using more water. The more you use, the less it costs you.

That's not a good way to conserve water because it just encourages people to waste it.

That was the first thing is that we wanted to change the way that we billed, that the more you use, it costs more per gallon. That is how it should be, so that encourages conservation. Again, that goes to where it's not really going to hurt. I'd say probably half of our customers don't even go much over the base amount. It's those few high-end users that are going to pay more, and they should pay more. If you're using more water, you should pay more. It costs more to bring it to you. It costs more to process it. Now you guys can talk amongst yourselves, but I just wanted to give you a couple of those scenarios.

Popoff: All right. Thank you, ma'am. Councilor Kaufman.

Kaufman: I think this worked out pretty good actually. I'm surprised that it worked out as good as it did, but I was traveling this weekend, and [crosstalk 00:26:54]. They had some really cool commercials in Portland about how to conserve water. They have this little picture of people with a rain gauge on their sprinklers so they know how much they're putting on their lawn, and people adjust their sprinklers so they're not watering the sidewalk. I don't know if we could get some sort of conservation thing that we can throw in the water bills when it goes out.

Fritts: We do.

Kaufman: To show people don't waste, conserve. Be thoughtful. I think flappers are probably the biggest issue in toilets from my experience as a property manager, because the goal is to have less water going through the pipes, less chlorine, less [inaudible 00:27:38].

Popoff: Anyone else? Nothing, huh? Let me give you a moment to digest it.

Fritts: You don't have to ... There is no resolution tonight, but we will be adopting a resolution in July like we normally do. We normally have a cost of living increase for July, so rather than a cost of living increase this year, we're going to have the rate adjustment, which, depending on which scenario you choose, it could end up costing people a little bit less depending on which option you choose.

Popoff: Do we have a pretty good feeling right now amongst the council as to the options that you are leaning towards?

Brand: Not yet.

Popoff: Okay. Thank you. I'm just wondering. Councilor Kaufman?

Kaufman: This doesn't address the reserve that was also proposed to go dramatically up.

Fritts: Well, the --

Kaufman: Were we planning on doing both at the same time, or are we waiting a year?

Fritts: I would say that they were saying that it needs to be at \$9.00 if we were to pay off 20 million in debt. Well, we're asking for some more information about if we backed it off and just did this priority one. I would say in June we should at least increase it by one dollar, because when we did the two dollars three years ago, it was just kind of spaghetti at the wall and we said, "We should start somewhere." I did kind of an informal survey of some other cities, and they have anywhere from two dollars on up to twelve dollars that they put into reserve for debt service.

I would suggest at least a one dollar increase, and then once we know more about what exactly we're going to fund and when we would fund it ... Because that's how we started with the sewer. We started with two dollars and then we just added a dollar every ... I can't remember if it was every year or every other year we added a dollar so that we could start building up a reserve. That would be my suggestion for July is just to increase it by one dollar.

Popoff: Right. Any further discussion on this? [crosstalk 00:30:12] I'm sorry, sir. Go ahead.

Brand: That sounds fine.

Popoff: Okay. Council?

Kaufman: There's nobody ... Also, I need to say that I think a lot of people in the audience weren't part of the workshop. Of course, I was on the phone so I don't know, but what we're talking about with ... We did a water reserve study. There are supposed to be some increases if we're going to bill them for the infrastructure in the future. There were several options suggested. One of the issues that we have is that there is not parity between the residential use and commercial use and what our rates are. One of the proposals was pretty popular, which is the flat rate increase. I had suggested

that we do a percentage increase and weight it a little heavier on the commercial so that parity doesn't get worse, so that it's a little bit more fair. Residential is sort of subsidizing the commercial, but not as bad as if we just did a flat increase. I think I'm going to argue for the 30/70 flat rate.

Fritts: Basically, that fourth column, the Councilor Kaufman one, that still gets us the flat rate option of basically it's ten dollars. Five for residential and five for commercial. She's just splitting it up three for residential and seven for commercial which brings it more in line with what the usage is.

Popoff: All right. Thank you.

Fritts: I wouldn't disagree with that. That's a way to kind of level the playing field, so to speak.

Popoff: Okay, but we are going to have to have something that we're going to have to be kind of unanimous on as much as possible here by next month.

Fritts: Yeah, because I'll need to have a resolution for your July meeting, so I need some kind of direction from you on which option you want me to choose. If you're not ready to make that decision tonight, what I can do is I can prepare a resolution with option A, one, two, and three, and then next month you guys can say, "We want that option," if you're not ready to make a decision tonight. Councilor Brennan.

Brennan: I just have a comment. I'm looking at Councilor Kaufman's proposal as ... Personally for me, I think I would be in favor of that one at this time because I like the fact that it adjusts the difference between residential and commercial. It get is a little closer to where it should be. The other ones I don't think addressed any of that. It just seems to be a more fair way to increase the rate.

Popoff: All right. Thanks, sir. Councilor, just a second. Councilor Brand.

Brand: Well, we're pretty much in agreement that 1-B is out.

Popoff: Right.

Brand: So is staff.

Fritts: Yeah, staff's out. Disregard staff.

Brand: Which leaves three. The flat rate is a buck [crosstalk 00:33:28] proposed on

the end cost. 196 versus 195.

Fritts: That's for the high user.

Brand: Oh, okay.

Fritts: Which actually, on the average user also, it's about ... The option for residential is 25.73, and for the Kaufman option two is 24.23, so about the same. It gets us where we need to be.

Brand: Yeah, 1-A doesn't get us to where we need to be, I don't think, because we're still subsidizing commercial, and that's what I think we agreed we don't want to do anymore.

Popoff: We don't want to do it completely is what I understand. Yeah, but we still are leaning towards ... Well, it's just making more of a parity out of this.

Brand: We kind of leave it to Black and Councilor Kaufman to ... For me, that's just the decision I got, running through the numbers in the last ten seconds.

Popoff: Thank you, sir. Councilor McVey, you had something to say?

McVey: I was agreeing with Councilman Brennan.

Popoff: Councilor Campbell, do you have anything that you'd like to add on this?

Campbell: If we're expressing favorites, mine would be Councilor Kaufman's idea because, again, it addresses basically the commercial subsidizing ... Excuse me, the residential subsidizing the commercial cost would be eliminated ... Improved more so with Councilor Kaufman's option than option two. I also agree with Councilor Brand that in my mind it is between option two and Councilor Kaufman's. The others I have decided against, so that's where I'm ...

Popoff: It sounds like the marching orders so far are basically Councilor Kaufman's and maybe some sort of combination of the two.

Brennan: Question.

Popoff: Yes, sir?

Brennan: Refresh my memory here. What is the percentage of total use or outside residential ... What is the percentage of outside to our total base?

Fritts: As far as number of customers?

Brennan: Yeah.

Fritts: Off the top of my head, I want to say out total customers are like 1,200 and inside is 950, so ...

Brennan: We're 20% or 25%?

Fritts: Yeah. Those are round figures.

Brennan: I haven't even looked at the impact of what it's going to be on the outside.

Fritts: I did run the inside and outside commercial and inside and outside residential. It's both there. So theirs will be a 5%. It is basically because we agreed that their rates would be the same as it is now, which is 5% higher than inside. That will continue that whatever inside is paying, theirs is 5%.

Popoff: Well, that's pretty straight forward, and that makes it easy.

Brennan: Another question.

Popoff: Yes, sir?

Brennan: Since you ran the numbers, which one gets us toward \$9.00 most effectively for the least amount of impact for the ...

Fritts: This doesn't include the reserve. This is just water usage.

Brennan: Okay.

Kaufman: This gets us closer to the, I think, total \$50 that they're saying we need in ten years. Did that answer your question?

Brennan: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Kaufman: I had a question on the backside of this, the commercial, the 83,000. Is that correct? Because I didn't post what the ... I'll take the commercial water rate is ...

Popoff: 83,000 or something like that?

Fritts: The inside commercial high user was 832,000. That's a mobile home park.

Kaufman: The next one up? 83,000.

Fritts: Do you mean the tiers?

Kaufman: Yeah, if you look at 83,000 and one plus, and you look at the cost, it's like a really large number, but if you look at the outside at the exact same number, it should be relative and it's not.

Fritts: No, because the highest outside user, you can see on the bottom, was 211,000. The largest outside user wasn't anywhere close to the 800.

Kaufman: I'm looking at the next one up.

Fritts: I'm not understanding.

Kaufman: I'm looking at the 83,000 one plus, not the bottom one.

Fritts: I'm sorry. I'm not ...

Popoff: I don't see it either.

McVey: Oh, I see where she is.

Kaufman: This number is at the same rate, and this is supposed to be 5% more and it's not.

Fritts: Yeah, but this is based on 211,000 and that's based on 832,000.

Kaufman: Oh, I didn't understand that. My mistake.

Fritts: What I did was I took the highest users in a rate, and it just so happened for the residential, the highest users were both about 70,000. However, for the commercial, the inside highest user was over 800,000, but the outside was closer to 211. We didn't have anybody on the outside that used close to that amount of water. That's why there's the difference.

Kaufman: Yeah.

Popoff: Okay. Anything further? [crosstalk 00:39:40] Let's keep it one at a time now. All right.

Fritts: Oh, thank you, Will.

Popoff: Do we have anything further on this subject? Does the administrator have enough information?

Fritts: I'm going to do a hybrid. We're going to do the flat rate of Councilor Kaufman, and then we're going to use the tiered rate from the study from option two. Correct?

Popoff: That is what at least two of the councilors would like to see.

Fritts: Okay. So basically we're going to choose the Councilor Kaufman flat rate with the tiers.

Popoff: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Fritts: Okay. That's the one.

Kaufman: [inaudible 00:40:26] it's the same.

Fritts: Yeah.

b. Reconnection Fee rate discussion

Popoff: That gives you something to work with. All right. Then we've got the reconnection fee rate discussion. We are talking about water there.

Fritts: Okay. So I should probably explain this a little bit. This is something that Councilor Kaufman has mentioned several times. What about the properties ... We haven't had this in the past, but in the last several years since the downturn of the economy where we have properties going into foreclosure and they are basically in never-never land.

Popoff: Right.

Fritts: We do file liens on the property for what was owing when we found out about it, but between the subsequent times we're not capturing any revenue. Councilor Kaufman's concern is that even though that parcel is vacant and not being used, they should still be accruing a monthly bill. There are two schools of thought, and I'm not saying one is right or one is wrong. It's just two schools of thought. From a bookkeeping standpoint, I don't want to keep accruing a bill in the accounting system because then that makes our accounts receivable look ridiculous. It's really not accounts receivable. We

probably are not going to capture those funds. It's like billing somebody that we don't even know who owns the property because many of these are in the bank's ownership. Creating a bill and creating large accounts receivable in our ... That does affect our audit that we have this huge AR.

Councilor Kaufman's suggestion was this: Is there some kind of fee that we can charge on the back end when that property situation gets shook out? Whether somebody buys it or the bank sells it or whatever. There is actually something already in the code, so we wouldn't have to rewrite it. What's listed in there is a reconnection fee. That is set by resolution, which we adopt these resolutions each year. My suggestion, like Councilor Kaufman had said, we should just charge these properties a new system development charge. Well, we don't want to call it an SDC because that is actually tied to a very specific fee and statute. However, we do have the ability to charge a reconnection fee.

What we're saying is on these properties that we're not realizing any revenue, we pull the meter. That way we know that it's a reconnection fee, because there is no meter, so when whoever goes to buy the property or whoever goes to sell the property, they know there is no meter in the ground, so they're going to have to pay a reconnection fee. That reconnection fee could be whatever the council decides. Councilor Kaufman's suggestion was that it be what a system development charge is for water, which is currently \$2,800. Some of these have been languishing for years, and so you figure a minimum sewer and water bill is close to \$80 a month. You can do the math. We want to make sure that we're capturing not necessarily the revenue but the debt service.

That's another thing. When I talk to other cities, they do allow people to go into a kind of a limbo state, which we have talked about this in the past and we eliminated that. We said every account is going to get a minimum bill, which I think is the best way to do it. However, the cities that do allow people to have like a vacation rate, they still have to pay the debt service amount. What I can do for the next meeting for the rate resolution is I can give you a couple of scenarios. If we want a three-year minimum of just the debt service amount, or we want a three-year minimum of what a minimum bill is, I can run those figures and give you the scenarios. Then you can base your fee on the discussion of those different scenarios.

Popoff: That sounds good. Councilor Campbell.

Campbell: My question is, and I'm sure you've probably done this, I just don't know the answer, have you considered the time and money to pull all of the meters? I

don't know how much of a pain in the tail that is, how much time it's going to cost our maintenance department.

Fritts: I think it's minutes, right?

Popoff: We've got somebody to answer.

Newdall: Yeah, it's very quick. We can have a meter out in probably about four minutes.

Campbell: Piece of cake. Okay.

Popoff: The cost is minimal.

Campbell: In my mind, it's like a huge deal and takes half a day, and it's like a big thing. I don't know what I'm doing, so ...

Fritts: A brand new service, like nobody has ever had service there and they have to tap into our line, yes, that could be, but if it's already there, it's just a matter of capping it off and good to go. Then when the person comes in and wants to restart their service, same in reverse. Five or ten minutes in reverse.

Popoff: Thank you, Will. Councilor Brand.

Brand: Okay. Would this be similar to an actual lien on the property, or is it just when the property is sold it's going to show up that you owe the City X amount?

Fritts: When they come in ... See, this is the nice part, because, according to the title company ... And I kind of told you guys this. I want to say that it was a year or so ago, maybe even a little bit longer. Because of all of these weird foreclosure laws and the federal laws are changing all the time, they change almost monthly about what banks can and cannot charge, we were told last year that these liens that we have on property for utilities, we can't recapture. The title companies are not going to pay off those liens because, according to the feds, the bank can't pass that fee on to the new owner. It's some ridiculous things. Even though we have a lien on the property, we may not be able to recapture that.

If it's a connection fee, that has to do with, "I now want to connect my water service." If they come in and say, Okay. I bought the house on whatever, on Fifth Street, and I want to get the water turned on, the ladies in the front office when they pull that up, they can go, "Okay. Yes. There is service

available there, but there is not currently a meter. You would need to pay the reconnection fee." It's not even a matter of they can turn the water on. There is no water there.

Brand: Follow up.

Popoff: Yes, sir?

Brand: Can we grant part of the two properties that we've already done?

Fritts: What do you mean?

Popoff: In other words, can we get [crosstalk 00:47:25]. We should be able to.

Fritts: Well, as soon as we do this, we would pull the meter.

Newdall: I think they're already gone.

Fritts: Yeah.

Popoff: They're already gone now?

Newdall: Yes, we already pulled the meters.

Popoff: All right. Thank you.

Fritts: Then when whoever buys the property ... I understand where Councilor Kaufman is coming from. It's only fair. It's like just because somebody had the misfortune to lose their house, that still doesn't mean that property isn't able to be served by city water, so some fee should be associated with that. That's where I'm saying that maybe it's just the debt service. I don't know.

Popoff: Councilor?

Kaufman: I like the discussion. Part of the issue to me is that it costs so much just to keep the plant running and pumps going, and we divided up what it costs for our service with this base rate. People that play the game of, "Well, we'll just turn it off. I'm a land banker, and I'm just not going to pay a bill. Well, I'm just going to keep the house for three years and never pay a bill. However, when I do come back, you're going to have the water and sewer available to me, and I'm only going to have to pay the new deposit and \$30." That isn't fair to the rest of our people.

Fritts: Because it's spread amongst all of us.

Kaufman: It's about being fair, and we have been burned by these foreclosures dramatically.

Popoff: I know.

Kaufman: I'm thinking that if this would work ... I don't want to do anything that the front office can't do easily. Let's say we give people six months' notice that after six months, it's a reconnect fee of \$2,800. If you're disconnected for six months, then you just pay us 1.1%. You know, the 10% on top of the full rate and then you can connect for that. Does that makes sense? If I disconnect for three months because I don't know what I'm going to do with the property, or it's just all of a sudden going into foreclosure, you send a notice and they're like, "Oh, I don't want to reconnect." No problem, you're within the six months. You pay this many water and sewer minimums assuming they didn't use any. Plus the 10% late fee, and they're good. After six months, and that will be their warning, and I do want a warning to go out, then it's the big fee.

Fritts: Most of these we find out about because they're gone. Not because they tell us. It's like the meter reader says, "Hey, there is nobody in the house now." They don't come in and tell us, so ...

Popoff: Councilor Brand.

Brand: I'm thinking her idea of giving us a little more data. I'm kind of worried that \$2,800 is not enough. [crosstalk 00:50:06].

Fritts: Yeah, I'll give you debt service only for 12, 24, and 36 months, minimum bill only 12, 24, 26. Then the SDC, and I'll give you that for next month, and then you can decide which of those you would like the reconnection fee to be. Then that way it's good, too, because then it's not just some figure that we're pulling out of the air. We're saying, "Okay, this is why we arrived at this figure."

Brand: Also, historically, the data on the two properties we've already done, what was the length of time from the last bill to when we demolished? Just an idea of what it would cost, you know, the worst case scenario. If it cost us X number to not recoup what we spent, but what ... You see where I'm going?

Fritts: Yep, I do. Actually, that's a very good point. Last payment versus house removal.

Brand: Like I say, I don't think \$2,800 would cover it. I know the one property we were having problems with lawyers for two years.

Fritts: Yeah.

Brand: Okay.

Fritts: That's a good one, Councilor Brand.

Popoff: Councilor Brennan.

Brennan: Does this also deal with people who are gone for six months? Would this encourage those payments to be made instead of ...

Fritts: Right now, folks when ... Like the snowbirds, they still pay a minimum bill. If you want to have your water service, you pay a minimum bill.

Popoff: Yeah, that was changed so many years ago because at one time, they weren't charged because they weren't using the water. Yeah, that's been remedied.

Brand: I think that was like three years ago we did that.

Popoff: Pardon me, sir?

Brand: Three or four years ago.

Popoff: Yeah. Actually, it's been longer than that. It was during my second term that we did that. At any rate, any further discussion? I think the administrator probably has everything you need then?

Fritts: Yep.

Popoff: All right. Thank you, ma'am. With that in mind, let's go onto your report.

Fritts: Yeah, that went amazingly fast. I was expecting that to be much longer.

Brand: We're good.

Popoff: I know Councilor Brand is a little tired.

11. City Administrator's Report
To be presented at the meeting

Fritts:

Okay. So unfortunately I do not have a report for May, so this one is a little bit beefier than it normally is. I'll just run through it really quickly. Public works: We're still working on the water rate study. I heard from Miss Norval today. She should have the changes that we had requested by the end of this week because she's working on other studies as well. You may or may not have noticed that there are four different spots around town, Gauntlet, Wallace, Park Place ... Where's the fourth one? ... cemetery, the blue tsunami lines. We were one of five cities that received these bake-on things from the state with some signs as well. Public works installed those. They were free. They were given to us, and that's cool. That's good. It notifies people.

They only thing I don't like about it is this thing says "leaving". I think that implies, if I'm on this side of the line, I'm safe. If I'm on that side, I'm not. I don't really like that it says "leaving". What that line signifies is on our evacuation maps which are not the same as the development maps, but the evacuation maps. Those are areas that are the assembly points for evacuation. Well, there are two sets of maps, so ... The agency that gave us the lines, because we are a pilot program, are going to be here on Friday to do some mapping stuff. She wanted to have a tour of the line.

Will has been working with Dyer on a culvert inventory because right now we don't have a comprehensive inventory of where all the city's culverts are. As evidenced in Harbor, a culvert can do really bad things, so we're getting a survey done. Will and I had the opportunity to tour the new hospital last month. The gentleman that is the contract foreman asked us to come over, so we got a nice tour. I included a couple of photos there. The patient rooms are on the west side with panoramic views of the ocean, so I can't wait to start advertising, "Come have your tonsils out on the coast because it's really awesome."

June police statistics are attached. The remodel is finished. I would like to have a little private open-house for us next month if that is possible. I'll get with everybody and we can have the police give you a little tour over there and thank you and the budget committee for helping the police department make that a reality. It looks really awesome over there. I want to take an opportunity to publicly acknowledge Chief Andrews and Sergeant Wood and our Deputy Medical Examiner Gail. We have an exceptional police department. While we don't toot our horn as much as maybe other agencies do, we all feel like, and I would include Will in this, too, that the city pays us

to do our job. I don't think it's our ... We don't toot our horn. We do our job. We do the job the city pays us to do. I don't think we need to throw it on Facebook all of the time.

However, I do want to acknowledge that I appreciate the leadership that Chief Andrews and Sergeant Wood bring to their department. I don't have any reservations in saying that we have the finest police department in Oregon. We do. We have the finest police staff.

Popoff: As long as we're at it, too, with the employees that we have within the City, all of them, including, of course, our police department, but all of them. These are the people that the public sees all the time. They see our public works. They see our police. They see the people in the office, and they are by far and away the biggest endorsement. They can either be the biggest endorsement or they can be the biggest turnoff you ever want to see towards other people. However, when they have these good relationships that all of our people have with the public at large, it makes us look good up here. It really does. That I am very thankful for. You have good people working for you and taking care of the things within the city. You have a happy citizenry. They aren't too displeased with us. Once again to all of you, thank you very much because I personally, truly appreciate all of your efforts. Thank you.

Fritts: I just have to say that I had a citizen stop me in McKay's the other day. Typically, I don't go to McKay's during certain hours because I don't like to be cornered, but I did have a citizen corner me and it went on for at least ten minutes about how wonderful Chief Andrews is. This is somebody that does not often ... Not somebody that's not easy to please, but just that it's somebody that's very quiet and doesn't normally speak up, but she had nothing but praise for him, so ...

Popoff: Chief Andrews, your wife is in town. Well, good.

Fritts: Then, while I'm at it, it's been one year since we've had our new fire chief, Tyson. No disrespect to our former Chief Floyd, but part of the reason why Chief Floyd chose Tyson was because he felt like he had, dare I say, a fire in his belly. He really had what he felt like the department needs to motivate them, to get them moving in a different direction. While we had an awesome fire department and we always have, we have an even more awesome one now. Tyson is doing all kinds of exciting new things. He's reaching out to the neighboring districts. He's reaching out to the sheriff's office. He has some really exciting proposals for the next five years, and I'm really happy with the choice that Chief Floyd made when he stepped down.

I think Tyson ... He's practicing now, but I wanted everyone to know that, too. In this past year, he has made some really great improvements to the department. The morale is really great. We have a lot of new firefighters, both men and women. That's really exciting. In fact, I think we have more women firefighters than we've had ever, so that's exciting.

For visitors center promotions, tomorrow the Oregon Tourism Commission is here having their quarterly meeting, and I think it's quarterly. I don't think it's monthly. It's kind of a big deal. They don't come to the south coast real often, so it's kind of a big deal. The Oregon Coast Visitors Association, which I am a part of, we are also having our quarterly meeting the day after the State Tourism Commission meeting.

I have to wine and dine them. That will be fun. That's one part of my job I don't like. I don't like the whole wining and dining part, so ... On Memorial Day at the Veteran's Memorial, that was awesome. I would say that we had like 150 people. Maybe more?

Popoff: We had quite a few, yes.

Fritts: Yeah, standing room only. Really awesome. That was one of my favorite parts of my job. The Visitors Center: Sue is retiring at the end of this month. She has been with the City for eleven years, so if you see her, wish her a happy retirement.

We had a dress rehearsal with the Cycle Oregon Crew this past month. Will, Dixon, and I met with their crew. They brought all of their vendors, their shower people, and their beer people, and their food people. They brought them all down. It's like a dry run on what's going to happen in September. We also met with the school and the fairgrounds to go over logistics so when they get down here, everything runs smoothly. The City is the community coordinator for that event. The reason why is we wanted to make sure that we put our best face forward, and we were doing everything that Cycle Oregon wanted us to do.

However, there are also five other teams that are part of this thing all the way from baggage to hospitality. The football team is helping. Rotary and a bunch of service organizations that Rotary has gotten involved are helping. Curry Country, the fairgrounds, and we're really excited about the whole community effort that's going into this. I went to a town hall meeting in Brookings last month for Travel Oregon, and the usual tourism meetings.

The auditors were in on June 2nd to finish the final field work for last year's audit. They sent the draft audit, so you should be getting that in the mail. This will come directly to you in the next week or so. Now that we are done with 14-15, we just go right on in to 16-17 and it's kind of like laundry. It never gets done.

One of the big things that for administration is in order to help out the county planning department ... When Candy and I worked there, it's been six years ago now, our planning department had five staff members. They are down to two which includes the department head who also is the department head over building. They are desperately short staffed, and obviously they don't have a lot of money. While their planner was on vacation for May, Candy and I covered their day-to-day stuff. Then the county planning director approached me about maybe taking on some of their planning applications. It worked out pretty well, and so that's going to go before the board of commissioners for a contract between the city and the county.

It's kind of funny because in the past there has been a contract between the county and the city, so now those roles are reversed. Part of the reason I said "yes" is that there will be changing in duties down at the visitor's center so I will be able to shed some of the promotion duties that I've been doing a lot of. Then I can focus more on planning stuff, but the flip side is that it's a two-fer. We need to help out the county where we can. I'm a firm believer in that we all need to pool our resources. Do the best that we can. We all have very limited budgets, so whatever we can do to help one another, I think that we should do that. I know that certain county departments don't always think I feel that way, but I do.

I think that it's important that we're not duplicating efforts because it's all of our money. We are county citizens. We're Gold Beach citizens. It's all of our money. We need to try to spend it wisely. If you recall, we lost a portion of our state planning money, so part of that was another motivation for me saying "yes". Hopefully by taking over some of the planning duties from the county, we can recoup some of those planning dollars that we lost from the state. It's a win/win for both of us. There are certain things that I said that I didn't want to do and we negotiated on. I said, "Yeah, I don't know that I really want to do that, but, yes. We can help out here." I think it will work out well. We have a good relationship with the county planning department, and I think it will only get better.

LOC meeting: As the mayor talked about, it is this Wednesday in Bandon, so if anyone besides Mr. Mayor would like to attend, just let me know and I'll

make sure you guys are reserved to go. I'm a board member on the CCD Business Development Corporation, which that sounds like really whahoo, but it's really not. Don't be impressed. But anyway, they appointed me to their loan committee because the person from Curry County had moved out. Their CCD person came down last month and kind of gave me the 411 on how to be a loan committee member, which was good because it's all SBA stuff and I don't really know that much about that. That was kind of interesting. The CCD meeting was also last month. That's an economic development group that covers Coos, Curry, and Douglas counties. It's a good organization.

The City is participating again this year in the Rotary party at the park. If anyone wants to help, just holler. Let me know. This year's theme is "Jungle Book", and last year and this year, because it's a partnership with the library, we made little bookmarks for them for like postcards to announce the event. The City, that was kind of our contribution to the thing. We'll have a booth there. Last year we had a tattoo parlor. We're going to have it again this year. That was really fun because it's sort of like face painting, but you don't have to be an artist, which is kind of cool.

I attended the beautification meeting that Summer and [inaudible 01:06:56] talked about. I will continue to attend those on behalf of the City. I told them that we will help out where we can and where we're able with equipment and folks, and things that we can assist on, we will. The City just doesn't want to be the lead on that project, but we will assist in any way possible. We will continue to keep going to those.

Senator Wyden was here last month. Mr. Mayor was here to introduce him. The Rotary asked me to talk last week (I think it was last week) about the beautification, which I'm not really the person to talk about the beautification because it's not my organization. I don't want to steal anybody's thunder, so I just talked a little bit about that, about what the organization was doing, invited people to come to it, what the City's role is in relation to that.

An interesting marijuana thing, because we can't have a meeting without talking about pot, when I was helping the County ... These are more of the unintended consequences. I need to start writing a book of unintended consequences of pot. Because Curry County has two, actually three federally designated rivers within our jurisdiction, the OLCC is starting to get requests for people that want to grow weed in the areas that belong to the Forest Service but where there is private ownership. Making a very long story short, there are certain regulations that if you're visible from the rivers, especially

the Rogue, that there are certain restrictions that the state and federal government have on development within that wild and scenic corridor, the Forest Service and BLM. We don't have so much BLM land on our side. It's more on the east side, but mostly Forest Service.

We're kind of running screaming, going, "Ah, it's not allowed." The OLCC contacted us during that time that we were covering for the County, which was good because they actually didn't know anything about the scenic waterway stuff anyway so they probably would have called anyway. However, just trying to figure out how we are going to process these applications for marijuana in the wild and scenic Rogue River. That was just a very interesting discussion. It lasted two hours, so more unintended consequences of pot.

Popoff: All right. Anything further, ma'am? I do have a question of you. I'm just wondering about ... Our visitor's center manager Sue Dawson is retiring. She's done a heck of a job. What are the intentions? What are we looking at as far as ... Do you have anybody in mind right now as to replacing her, and would it still be the position that it is?

Fritts: Yes and no. Yes, I do have somebody in mind, and no, it's not ... As Councilor Kaufman has pointed out in the past, whenever I've had folks leave from particular positions, that's a good opportunity to change things up, rearrange things. That's why I was saying that some of the duties that I have now for promotions, the new person will take on some of those duties. For the visitor, there won't be any difference. The visitor's center will still be open, and you can still go to the visitor center and get great service from the ladies down there. However, what we provide will be greatly expanded. It's just a good opportunity to change things up. Things that are ...

Popoff: There will still be a manager down there?

Fritts: Yep, there will.

Popoff: Okay. Thank you. All right, Council, and [crosstalk 01:10:55] started off if you'd like to. Actually, with these comments and everything, we don't have to go in that order at all. Councilor McVey, do you have anything that you would like to say?

12. Mayor and Council Member Comments

- a. Mayor Karl Popoff
- b. Councilors
 - 1) Melinda McVey

- 2) Larry Brennan
 - 3) Becky Campbell
 - 4) Doug Brand
 - 5) Tamie Kaufman
- b. Student Liaison, Vacant

McVey: No, thank you.

Popoff: Councilor Brennan?

Brennan: No.

Popoff: Councilor Campbell?

Campbell: Go Warriors.

Popoff: Go Warriors. Is there one more game left?

Campbell: Yes, sir. Right now. It's on.

Popoff: Oh, no wonder you're zipping everything ...

Fritts: She's zipping up her bag and moving on out.

Popoff: Councilor Brand?

Brand: Congratulations to the graduates, including my daughter.

Popoff: Yeah, that's good. Yes, all right. Councilor Kaufman?

Kaufman: Don't I always have something to say?

Popoff: Yes, you do, but there is always hope.

Kaufman: I have a question for the administrator, possibly the Chief. I noticed that our arrests and our ticket numbers are going up. It's my understanding that the speeds are in excess of 15 over. I was just wondering if that's a statistic we could track? The reason I say that is I want to make it clear that we're not a speed trap. These are people that are violating the law by a lot and they really need to slow down. I see it all the time. Even with this many tickets, I still see people zip by me like ... It amazes me how crazy people are in town.

Fritts: You're not getting a ticket for five over. You're getting a ticket for ten or more.

Popoff: I think, Chief, aren't we going ... Usually, if they go over ten? Is that pretty much what we're looking at now?

Chief Andrews: Well, I don't want to lock myself into a specific answer.

Popoff: No, I understand, sir.

Fritts: Yeah, I was going to say, "Don't say that."

Chief Andrews: We look at every car that we stop on a case-by-case basis depending on the traffic, the location. I'll give you an example. Rolling down the hill or coming up the hill where it's four lanes north of Moore, we're going to be a little bit more liberal. Typically, we're writing at about 15 or over is common. It can get 20, 25, or 30 miles an hour over the speed limit there. However, over in the corner of the town, we again look at it as a case-by-case basis. School zones, you might be [inaudible 01:13:10] with the lights flashing with 10 over the speed limit in a school zone. We might write going past the fairgrounds during the peak part of the day at 13 or 14 over. It all depends on each individual circumstance. We don't have a blanket rule. I don't think any agency does, but I can just assure you that the citations we write are very good citations.

I really have been emphasizing, so has Sergeant Wood, quality over quantity. I think you see the biggest reason for increase in our activity is because for about the first time in five years that I've been here, we're at full staff. We've got just this great crew of energetic, enthusiastic officers. I have to tell you with the two youngest guys we have, their enthusiasm is contagious to the rest of us. We've seen an increase in all of our productivity. We're just trying to keep up with these young guys and let them know that we still are a little bit sharper and better than what they are, but we're still teaching them. There is a lot of reasons for that increase, but I think the biggest reason is that we're at full staff. I think that knowing something about the numbers of the last few years, our motel occupancy increased so we're even having more traffic. There's more people here. There are a lot of variables as to why we have it.

Our other biggest thing is that we are finally at our full allocated staff with everybody out of training, and we're functioning on all cylinders. That's the biggest reason.

Popoff: Thank you, sir.

Kaufman: My next question is, and I apologize if I got this and I didn't look at it, but I don't remember getting the totals on the floats.

Fritts: You did not because I got to thinking about that when I was putting the room tax in there. I thought, "I don't think I got the final for April." I did February and March, but April was when the baby came and ...

Kaufman: Right, you had other distractions.

Fritts: Yeah, but I thought of that today, too.

Kaufman: Reading for next month?

Fritts: Yeah, for next month, I will have that.

Kaufman: I would like to [crosstalk 01:15:24]. Then I'll let it go at that. Thank you.

Popoff: All right. Yes, ma'am. I've got a couple of things. I'll try to make it fairly quick. I'm still having people on Russell Street (I believe it's Russell that we had the last house removed) thanking me and us for the action that was taken, that they greatly appreciate it. The other thing, though, that they've been asking about is the van which is still there. Evidently people are still breaking into that and I cannot understand anybody wanting to live in that place or spend a night in that place, but, nevertheless, some of the people, at least one lady that spoke to me, is a little bit fearful at night to go out. She lives right across from it, and others as well. If we could get something going or at least find out a little bit more about that and get that finally taken care of because it is still a nuisance and people are still a little bit fearful concerning the people that obviously go there to sack out.

Fritts: The foreclosure company had communicated with me last month that they were going to have it removed and taken care of, and obviously you can see that it's not. We'll be having to get rid of that, too.

Popoff: The second thing is that Saturday I had the honor of representing Gold Beach at the Portland Rose Parade. It is a wonderful opportunity. What was a lot of fun about it was that I was able to have two of my boys who live up there along with my wife march with me as well. It is an hour and 35 minutes from beginning to end, and it is by far and away not only one of the oldest parades (109 years old now), but obviously, by far and away, the largest in the state of Oregon. It was a lot of fun to march with the other mayors, wave my flag. Every time every few blocks I mentioned Gold Beach. I thoroughly enjoyed that. The only thing I didn't like was that we had the same group of

protesters again. Thankfully, Chief, being up in that area, you're knowing about that.

Their yelling and their screaming and their profanities and everything like that. I was very thankful that an officer on bicycle ... I was thankful afterwards. Not at the time, but afterwards that he came between me and one of those stupid protesters. I came darn close, darn close ... At any rate, other than that.

McVey: What was he protesting?

Popoff: They're the homeless. The same ones as last year. Last year they got us right at the end of the march and then start sticking these ... They're supposedly homeless, and they're carrying \$800 cameras, megaphones. They're organized like you wouldn't believe. They're carrying all of this stuff, and they are supposedly ... They're just foul and rude, and I came close to popping one last year. This year, the mayor's wife, Nancy Hales, she said, "We won't run into that again because this year, as soon as the parade is over, we're going to board buses and go back across the river. That's where we'll have our luncheon." Evidently she failed to inform the protesters, but they got wind of it one way or another. They met us right on Burnside Bridge, which of course is kind of hard to avoid there because you're really going straight back, left or right and no options. Other than that, it was just an opportunity to go head and represent the city again which I enjoy.

At any rate, that is about it for me. I know Councilor Campbell probably wanted me to shut up about five minutes ago, so with that in mind, I'm going to ... However, there comes a point in our meeting where citizens have the opportunity to once again approach. I'm sorry. I had to do that.

Campbell: I'm okay. That's fine.

13. Citizens Comments

As permitted by the Mayor

Popoff: Does anybody have anything that they would like say?

Speaker 15: I would suggest that the audience is real careful that they don't look at Becky Campbell like [crosstalk 01:20:24].

Popoff: See, you've already delayed her just by that. Yes, ma'am.

Julie Brown: I'm Julie Brown. I apologize for being tardy, but ...

Popoff: Julie, come on. Come up here, if you would please.

Julie Brown: Okay, I am on the Beautification Committee. I had to work until 7:00, and I didn't realize that I would be on the agenda so quickly, but what I'm in charge of with the committee is sponsorship. Is there a fund within the City for beautification? If there is, can you guys help us out a little bit with this?

Popoff: All right. I think that is a question for the city administrator right now.

Julie Brown: If one even exists.

Fritts: Yeah, no. Not currently.

Popoff: I didn't think we did have.

Julie Brown: Pardon me?

Fritts: No. There isn't. That's where I said at the last meeting that we will help out where we can. Mostly in-kind. If something needs to be dug up, we can use public works to do that, but as far as like a fund of money, no. There is money in the parks budget for park stuff. [crosstalk 01:21:25] or some of the stuff that you're proposing at the visitors center.

Julie Brown: Because that is a park?

Fritts: Yeah.

Julie Brown: Okay. We were unclear of that at our last committee meeting, and so they asked me to ask that question, so thank you very much.

Popoff: Okay. Thank you, ma'am. All right ...

Speaker 17: I have a quick one, Mayor. Football camp begins this weekend on Sunday. Just be aware as you see a total of ten teams coming to town and our population increase in terms of young people running around, and the lights will, obviously, be on at the football field until probably 10:00.

Popoff: Right. [crosstalk 01:22:02]

Speaker 17: Be aware. Enjoy them. They are all visiting from outside of our area, so celebrating and coming here and enjoying what we enjoy every day.

Speaker 18: Then we have basketball camp right behind that.

Popoff: All right. Well, good. Thank you very much. I had forgotten all about that. I knew it was coming up, but I didn't realize it was coming up this soon, but thank you. Thank you, both.

14. Executive Session
No executive session is scheduled

Popoff: The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, July 11th, and it will be at 6:30. It will be right here. With that said, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Councilor Larry Brennan made the motion to adjourn. Councilor Becky Campbell seconded the motion.

Record of Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Council Position #1 Melinda McVey	X		
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X		
Council Position #3 Becky Campbell	X		
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X		
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X		
MOTION CARRIES 5 AYES	5	0	

15. Adjourn Time: 7:52PM